

**MINUTES OF THE FLORENCE TOWN COUNCIL WILL HOLD A MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC ON MONDAY, MARCH 5, 2012, AT 6:00 P.M., IN THE CHAMBERS OF TOWN HALL, LOCATED AT 775 NORTH MAIN STREET, FLORENCE, ARIZONA.**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Kilvinger called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

**ROLL CALL:**

Present: Kilvinger, Smith, Woolridge, Celaya, Raasch, Hawkins, Brown

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Tom Smith, Vice-Mayor, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

Call to the Public for public comment on issues within the jurisdiction of the Town Council. Council rules limit public comment to three minutes. Individual Councilmembers may respond to criticism made by those commenting, may ask staff to review a matter raised or may ask that a matter be put on a future agenda. However, members of Council shall not discuss or take action on any matter during an open call to the public unless the matters are properly noticed for discussion and legal action.

There were no public comments.

**PUBLIC HEARING AND PRESENTATIONS**

**Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 570-12.**

Mr. Himanshu Patel, Town Manager, read Ordinance No. 570-12 by title only.

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF FLORENCE, PINAL COUNTY, ARIZONA, AMENDING CHAPTER 150, SECTION 150.055 *MANUFACTURED HOME SUBDIVISION* AND SECTION 150.174 *ACCESSORY BUILDINGS* CONTAINED WITHIN THE TOWN OF FLORENCE CODE OF ORDINANCES, TITLE XV *LAND USAGE*, (CASE PZC-3-12-ORD) (First reading held February 6, 2012).**

Mayor Kilvinger opened the Public Hearing.

Councilmember Hawkins said they are giving a blanket variance for Caliente and Florence Gardens. He inquired why Tierra Del Sol is not included. He said they are also an RV park and they are located in between Caliente and Florence Gardens. He said if they have to go by the setbacks presented, they won't be able to install any storage sheds because the setbacks are small.

Mark Eckhoff, Community Development Director, answered the provisions are for the manufactured homes zone, and Tierra Del Sol is an RV zone. He said the Town is only changing the setback requirements for the manufactured home parks. Tierra Del Sol has reduced setbacks. Caliente has a limited setback that has grandfathered provisions. He said they aren't doing anything that would be more restrictive in either park.

Councilmember Celaya inquired if there will be any issues with fire equipment or personnel having accessing by changing of the easements.

Mr. Eckhoff answered the intent is to make the provisions in the zoning code consistent with the fire regulations.

Jeff Moser, Fire Chief, said that it has been reviewed and they concur with the changes.

Mayor Kilvinger closed the Public Hearing.

On motion of Councilmember Hawkins, seconded by Councilmember Raasch and carried to adopt Ordinance No. 570-12.

**Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 573-12:**

Mr. Patel read Ordinance No. 573-12 by title only.

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF FLORENCE, PINAL COUNTY, ARIZONA, AMENDING THE TOWN OF FLORENCE CODE OF ORDINANCES, TITLE XV: LAND USAGE, CHAPTER 150 DEVELOPMENT CODE, SECTION 150.095 *DEFINITIONS*, SECTION 150.096 *LOCATION*, SECTION 150.119 *TEMPORARY SIGNS*, SECTION 150.123 *EXCEPTIONS, PERMITS NOT REQUIRED* AND SECTION 150.125 *PROHIBITED SIGNS* (CASE PZC-1-12-ORD).**

Mayor Kilvinger opened the Public Hearing.

Mr. Eckhoff said for the last few years, he has come before the Council with a quasi moratorium to give more flexibility to businesses to allow for a-frame signs and banners on a more regular basis. He said rather than do the same for the fourth year; an ordinance is being proposed to allow the use of a-frame signs and greater use of banners for special openings and occasional promotional events. The current code does not allow for a-frame signs unless it is for a grand opening special event. A-frame signs have been allowed in the last few years and have posed no issues. He said a-frames have been successful and have shown to help businesses and attract customers. The other provision is to allow for banners. The Planning and Zoning Commission has forwarded a unanimous favorable recommendation. He said they also presented it to the Historic District Advisory Commission because there was some concern of the a-frames and banners. They have not received any complaints in the last three years, the businesses have been in compliance for the most part.

Councilmember Celaya said that the Historic District Advisory Commission has had concerns with the signs. They are trying to maintain the historic appeal and their concern is that signs are being put up without regards to the look that is trying to be achieved. He said they are also concerned about the banners and are requesting for more code enforcement with regards to banners and a-frames.

Ms. Lina Austin said Section 150.125 states that vehicle signs and signs mounted are not allowed to be consistently displayed. She doesn't believe vehicle wraps should be outlawed as it is very effective advertising.

Vice-Mayor Smith inquired since there are no permits to put up temporary banners, how is the Town going to be monitored the time frame of 60 days.

Mr. Eckhoff said that businesses contact them and ask for the provisions. He said that a permit isn't necessary but they still have to follow the provisions of the code. He said they will address concerns as a normal code compliance regulation.

Vice-Mayor Smith inquired about multiple businesses in one building and being allowed to put up a-frames; specifically because the Code states that a-frames must be twenty feet apart. He asked how the Council would be addressing this issue.

Mr. Eckhoff said that he will review this provision and will bring it back to the Council at a later time.

Councilmember Hawkins asked for the businesses to date the banners so it is known when the banners were hung up. He asked if the date could be written on the banner itself or for them to have staff at Town Hall date stamp the banner.

Mr. Eckhoff said the Town is trying to be as flexible as possible with regards to a-frames and banners. He said that normally the Town would be advised by the public if a banner is up for an excessive period of time. The Town does not want to add additional burden on the business by having them submit for a permit or pay a fee and the Town wants to be as accommodating as possible. Violations will be handled through code compliance.

Mr. Rankin is concerned that businesses are doing whatever they can to survive and he doesn't want to see the Town become so regulatory businesses end up going out of business. He said the banners and the a-frame signs were discussed a long time ago and is glad that it is now being permitted.

Mayor Kilvinger closed the Public Hearing.

**Presentation of Years of Service Award to Officer Tim Bruce for fifteen years of dedicated service to the Town of Florence.**

Mayor Kilvinger presented Officer Tim Bruce with a plaque for his dedication and service to the community.

Robert Ingulli, Police Chief, said the Officer Bruce does an outstanding job. He just came back from protecting the border and he is very happy to have him back.

**Presentation by Economists.com on the 2011-2012 Utility Rate Study.**

Ms. Becki Guilin, Finance Director, stated the study is following a 2009 study, in which utility rates and fees were evaluated and projected out for ten years. She said the study was adopted by the Council to be implemented in September 2009. The Town increased rates in September 2009, July 2010, and July 2011. Economists.com was contracted to update the existing Utility Rate Study from 2009 as part of the Town's ongoing due diligence to ensure that rates and fees are sufficient to support the operations, maintenance, capital projects and debt service of the water and wastewater funds. The Town has been contracting studies every three years for the past several years. Within this study was a request to see the impact of service modification for transient customers. These customers were requesting that they not have to pay base fees during their absence from the area in the summer season. She said the Code calls out that if you are gone less than twelve months, you must pay the base fees for water and sewer during the absence.

Ms. Guilin said removing six months worth of base revenues from both water and sewer will result in a shifting of cost to those who reside here year round. Estimate of cost is \$6.21 per month to year round customer, or an additional \$74.52 per year. This action is not being recommended by staff. The rate study indicated that rates are still appropriate for the system expenditures and sufficient revenues are being generated based upon the projected incremental increases until FY 2016-2017. This will provide each of the funds with adequate operations and maintenance revenues and current and future debt service payments.

Ms. Guilin said the cost of the study, because of the limited amount of scope of work, was \$32,500. She said the studies normally cost between \$80,000 and \$90,000. She said this study will confirm rates to support existing and future capital and debt service for the water and wastewater funds.

Dan Jackson, Managing Director and Chief Executive for Economists.com, said they have been the Town's consultants since 2008. He said he original study was done in 2008 and the result was to recommend to the Town a long term water and wastewater rate plan that will provide the Town with the revenues the Town needs to meet all of its current and future operating and capital expenses; while at the same time, to the best extent possible, trying to minimize the impact of any inevitable rate adjustments on the rate payers.

Mr. Jackson said the Town of Florence is going through the same thing that other communities are facing, which is the increasing cost of water and sewer service. He

said water is a precious resource. He said while population continues to increase the demand for water increases; however, the amount of water remains the same. He said for many reasons, many of which are beyond the control of the Town, costs are continuing to go up. He said the Town has put together a long term financial plan which will enable it to meet the financial costs increases while trying to minimize the impact on the rate payers.

Mr. Jackson said the study of 2011-2012 was intended to accomplish two objectives:

- Measure how the Town's rate plan is performing
  - Is it meeting expectations
  - Are the projections meeting expectations
- Have there been any significant changes in the water and sewer operations that would warrant a change in the rate plan

Mr. Jackson said rate plans and financial forecasts are not guarantees. He said they are predictions based on a series of reasonable assumptions. He said it is very prudent to go back and check the numbers every few years, which is what is being done with this study.

Mr. Jackson discussed the following:

- Rates in Arizona (in general)
  - Very important for decision makers to see what is happening in the industry as a whole. It might help to put the decisions you are making in a proper perspective.
  - Average utility has been increasing rates by 5-6% per year and the trend is expected to continue
    - Inflation is a major factor and cost of everything is going up including regulatory costs
    - Town has no control of rising costs
  - 30-40% of utilities across the US are currently charge rates that do not cover their costs
    - Made conscientious decision to have General Fund to subsidize water and sewer funds
    - Just because another community's rates are lower that the Town's does not mean that their casts are lower
  - Larger cities and high-growth cities typically have lower rates
    - Due to concept called Economy of Scale: High density of service within a small proximity cost less than having the same amount of service spread out over a wider area
  - General rule: A utility can have low rates or high quality services, but not both
  - Higher rates are an unfortunate but inevitable fact of life.

Mr. Jackson discussed the Town's current base rate as well as the cost for water and service. He said the Town's rates are based on an Inverted Block Rate, which allows for the customer to pay the lowest amount for the water that you need to survive. He said the rates are designed to encourage the customers to conserve water by charging them

a higher rate for greater usage. He said the average family in Florence uses approximately 5,000 to 6,000 gallons of water per month, which is primarily inside use and needed for survival. He said water used in excessive of 5,000 to 7,000 gallons is called discretionary purposes. This includes usage for lawns, car washes, etc.

Mr. Jackson discussed the Town's current sewer rates. He explained how the sewer rates are similar to the water rates that you will pay a higher rate for discretionary purposes. He said the Town's rates are below the State's average. He said the State average for customers who use 7,500 gallons is \$64.00 and Florence cost would be \$60.00, which is approximately 10% below the State average. He said the Town compares favorably to its neighbors, who include: Prescott Valley, Snowflake, State of Arizona, Pinal County, Kingman, Prescott, Johnson Utilities, and Goodyear.

Mr. Jackson said the Town has approximately 3,500 accounts. He said they projected very nominal growth over the next ten years with approximately 100 to 110 new accounts. He said they are being very conservative in their growth estimates, simply because the economy has been struggling for several years. He said the usage expected to trend up a bit in the next ten years because the prison is looking at establishing some new expanded facilities.

Mr. Jackson said in 2012, it costs approximately \$2.3 million to run the water operation and \$2.9 million to run the wastewater operation. He said the costs are inline with a utility of its size. He said the Town doesn't have any excess cost and commended the staff for not excessively spending or waste taxpayers' money.

Mr. Jackson said the long-term rate plan was structured based on the assumptions, such as operating expenses are to continue to go up by 4 – 5% per year. He said energy costs will continue to go up and they are a significant portion of water and wastewater service. He said the Town also has a Capital Improvement Plan that will significantly impact the rate structure. He said the assets wear out and need to be repaired, replaced, or expanded. He said the Town is looking at some significant costs to keep the system operating. He said without these costs, the system will deteriorate very rapidly. He said staff has a very good handle on what they think the costs will be and he was able to build the costs into the rate plan. He said they projecting to be prison bed expansion in the next ten years. They are assuming a 1000 bed expansion in 2013, 2000 beds in 2017, and 2000 beds in 2021. He said as the prisons expand, the Town will need to provide service for these expansions. He said the equipment needs to be in place to provide the service and the revenue you receive from the benefits will benefit the Town. He said the Town will need to do some type of expansion to the wastewater treatment plant. He said the Capital Improvement Plant is expected to be approximately \$72 million in the next ten years (\$52 million in wastewater and \$20 million in water). He said a lot of the Improvement Plan can be financed through a combination of impact fees, CFDs, developer contributions, and other financing. He said they are projecting that the Town will need to issue approximately \$38 million in debt to finance the Capital Improvement Plan and the rest will come from other sources. He said the Town will need to borrow money from the State of Arizona to the capital

construction. He said the Town will not be able to borrow the money for the capital construction and prove to WIFA (Water Infrastructure Finance Authority of Arizona) that you have the ability to pay it back.

Mr. Jackson explained the projected costs of service for water and wastewater in the next ten years. He said the rate plan that the Town has in place right now, which was adopted by the Council in 2009, provided for a series of annual rate adjustments for each year between 2009 and 2017. A series of gradual rate increases was recommended. He said they have extensively analyzed where the costs are now as compared to where they had projected them in 2009. He said their conclusion is that they recommend that the 2009 rate plan stay in place. He said it is not uncommon that when they do a rate plan review, that some type of adjustment be made to the rate plan. He said he commends the staff for keeping the costs in line and following the plan. The fact that they followed the plan the way they did and not allow any unreasonable, unforeseen or outrageous expenses to be implemented means that the rate plan that the Town implemented in 2009 is projected to stay in place for the next several years. He said additional rate adjustments will be needed and the rate adjustments will not be any higher than what was originally projected three years ago.

Mr. Jackson went over the recommended Water Rate Plan effective July 2012 include:

Minimum Charge:	Current	Effective July 2012	Effective July 2013	Effective July 2014	Effective July 2015	Effective July 2016
5/8" - 3/4"	\$19.30	\$20.26	\$21.28	\$22.34	\$23.46	\$24.63
1"	\$32.17	\$33.78	\$35.47	\$37.24	\$39.10	\$41.06
2"	\$128.67	\$135.10	\$141.86	\$148.95	\$156.40	\$164.22
3" Compound	\$205.88	\$216.18	\$226.99	\$238.34	\$250.25	\$262.77
3" Turbine	\$225.18	\$236.44	\$248.26	\$260.68	\$273.71	\$287.39

Mr. Jackson went over the recommended volume charges per 1,000 gallons:

	Current	Effective July 2012	Effective July 2013	Effective July 2014	Effective July 2015	Effective July 2016
- 10,000	1.38	1.45	1.52	1.60	1.68	1.76
10,000 18,700	1.91	2.01	2.11	2.21	2.32	2.44
18,700 Above	3.39	3.56	3.74	3.92	4.12	4.33

Mr. Jackson went over the recommended wastewater rates:

Minimum Charge	Current	Effective July 2012	Effective July 2013	Effective July 2014	Effective July 2015	Effective July 2016
	\$12.78	\$15.34	16.88	18.59	19.53	20.49

Mr. Jackson went over the recommended volume charges per 1,000 gallons:

	Current	Effective July 2012	Effective July 2013	Effective July 2014	Effective July 2015	Effective July 2016
Residential	\$2.99	\$3.59	\$3.95	\$4.35	\$4.57	\$4.79
Commercial	\$3.01	\$3.61	\$3.97	\$4.37	\$4.59	\$4.82

Institutional	\$4.20	\$5.74	\$5.97	\$6.94	\$7.36	\$7.64
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Mr. Jackson said an average residential user of 5,000 gallons of water and wastewater in the Town of Florence pays \$50.19 for service. Effective July 1, 2012, the average bill would be approximately \$56.32, which is an increase of \$6.12. In July 2013, the average charge would be \$60.58, which is an increase of \$4.26. In July 2014, the average charge would be \$65.24 which is an increase of \$4.65. In July 2015, the average charge would be \$68.52, which is an increase of 3.28. In July 2016, the average charge would be \$70.91, which is an increase of 3.39.

Mr. Jackson said he understands that it is not an easy thing to increase someone's fees, but it will enable the Town to continue to provide a superior quality of water and sewer service. He said all cities and Towns across the United States are increasing their fees.

Mr. Jackson said the monthly charges are reasonable and a little low. The Town charges a minimum rate of \$19.30 for water service and \$12.78 for wastewater service. He said when you run a water and wastewater system, a lot of the costs that one incurs are fixed. He said the costs will remain constant regardless of the amount of water sold such as employees' salaries and debt service. He said 72% of water costs and 70% of the wastewater costs are fixed. He said your monthly cost per connection for water service is \$34.560. He said a city incurs costs for making the water available to the customer should they choose to use the service or not. He said the fixed cost is more than the minimum charge and the fees are reasonable. He said other cities in the past have had a policy, if people are in the Town for a certain number of months per year, that didn't charge the water and sewer service for that period of time. He said that cities are getting away from that policy because the Town is incurring cost whether or not the customer uses the service. He said should the Town elect to not have the customer pay the minimum bill while they are away, the Town is shifting the burden to a different set of rate payers. He explained how much could be lost in revenues should a certain set of customers be allowed to temporarily disconnect services and not be charged the minimum rate. He said if the Town adopted that type of policy, it would have to go back to the minimum charge and it would have to raise the minimum charges by approximately \$6.00 per month per rate payer.

Mr. Jackson recapped by saying the following:

- Expenses continue to increase
- Growth forecast is on target
- Prison growth is moving forward
- Long-term rate plan is on track
- Town needs to stay the course and continue with the annual increases that were adopted in 2009.



Councilmember Brown said that the winter visitors feel that that they shouldn't have to pay when they are gone and she has tried to impress on them that fees are still being incurred to keep the system going regardless of they utilize the service or not.

**CONSENT: All items indicated by an (\*) will be handled by a single vote as part of the consent agenda, unless a Councilmember or a member of the public objects at the time the agenda item is called.**

**\*Resolution No. 1333-12:**

Mr. Patel read Resolution No. 1333-12 by title only.

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF FLORENCE, PINAL COUNTY, ARIZONA, PERTAINING TO THE FLORENCE FIRE DEPARTMENT'S SUBMISSION OF A PROJECT FOR CONSIDERATION IN ARIZONA'S FY 2013 HIGHWAY SAFETY PLAN.**

**\*Resolution No. 1334-12:**

Mr. Patel read Resolution No. 1334-12 by title only.

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF FLORENCE, PINAL COUNTY, ARIZONA, PERTAINING TO THE FLORENCE POLICE DEPARTMENT'S SUBMISSION OF A PROJECT FOR CONSIDERATION IN ARIZONA'S FY 2013 HIGHWAY SAFETY PLAN.**

**\*Approval of the January 30, 2012, February 6, 2012 and February 21, 2012 Town Council meeting minutes.**

**\*Receive and file the following Board and Commission meeting minutes:  
August 4, August 18, September 1, October 20, 2011 Planning and Zoning Commission Minutes**

On motion of Vice-Mayor Smith, seconded by Councilmember Brown and carried to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS  
Ordinance No. 571-12:**

Mr. Patel read Ordinance No. 571-12 by title only.

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF FLORENCE, PINAL COUNTY, ARIZONA, AMENDING SECTION 8A-280 OF THE TAX CODE OF THE TOWN OF FLORENCE IN CONFORMITY WITH THE MODEL CITY TAX CODE BY INSERTING THE FOLLOWING PROVISION: "SECTION 8A-280 (RESERVED)" (First reading held February 21, 2012).**

Mr. Patel said that it is a housekeeping item to integrate Section 8A-280 into the Model City Tax Code and titling it as "Reserved".

On motion of Councilmember Brown, seconded by Councilmember Hawkins and carried to adopt Ordinance No. 571-12.

**Ordinance No. 572-12:**

Mr. Patel read Ordinance No. 572-12 by title only.

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF FLORENCE, PINAL COUNTY, ARIZONA, AMENDING SECTION 30.04 OF THE TOWN OF FLORENCE CODE OF ORDINANCES AND ESTABLISHING A RATE OF PAY FOR THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012 (First reading held February 21, 2012).**

Councilmember Brown said she is surprised that the Town is on the low end of payment for the Mayor and Council. She said she has no objection to the increase if the staff feels that the Town has the money to provide the increase.

On motion of Councilmember Brown, seconded by Councilmember Raasch and carried to adopt Ordinance No. 572-12.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Resolution No. 1331-12:**

Mr. Patel read Resolution No. 1331-12 by title only.

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF FLORENCE, PINAL COUNTY, ARIZONA, ADOPTING A SERVICE AGREEMENT, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2012, FOR A THREE YEAR TERM, BETWEEN SMARTWORKSPUS AND THE TOWN OF FLORENCE, PROVIDING FOR PHASED RETIREMENT EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR ARIZONA STATE RETIREMENT SYSTEM ELIGIBLE RETIRING STAFF.**

Mr. Jeanette Grady, Human Resources Director, said Smartworks Plus and the Town of Florence would like to enter into an agreement that would allow Arizona State Retirement employees who retire to draw their full retirement benefits and return to the Town of Florence as employees of Smartworks Plus. The agreement would allow that employee to receive their retirement benefits and to act and serve the Town in a capacity of the position of which the held previously.

Councilmember Brown inquired if the employee will be receiving medical and dental health benefits from the Town.

Ms. Sandy McClellan, Smartwork Plus, said the people will be retired and would have severed their ties as employee with the Town. They would be contracted employees and would not be eligible for Town benefits.

On motion of Councilmember Brown, seconded by Councilmember Woolridge and carried to adopt Resolution No. 1331-12.

**Resolution No. 1328-12:**

Mr. Patel read Resolution No. 1328-12 by title only.

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF FLORENCE, PINAL COUNTY, ARIZONA, DECLARING AS A PUBLIC RECORD THAT CERTAIN DOCUMENT FILED WITH THE TOWN CLERK AND ENTITLED "WATER AND WASTEWATER RATE STUDY AND LONG TERM FINANCIAL PLAN FOR THE TOWN OF FLORENCE, ARIZONA".**

Ms. Becki Guilin, Finance Director, stated that the rate study dated February 2012, must be declared as public record under A.R.S. §9-511-01. She said the rate study has been presented for public inspection at the Office of the Town Clerk. She said it will also be posted on the Town's website along with the presentation from Economists.com. She said the intention to increase water and wastewater utilities rates were posted as of the last week in February 2012.

On motion of Councilmember Woolridge, seconded by Councilmember Brown and carried to adopt Resolution No. 1328-12.

**Resolution No. 1335-12:**

Mr. Patel read Resolution No. 1335-12 by title only.

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF FLORENCE, PINAL COUNTY, ARIZONA, DECLARING "WATER AND WASTEWATER RATE STUDY AND LONG TERM FINANCIAL PLAN FOR THE TOWN OF FLORENCE, ARIZONA" 2012 ACCEPTED.**

Ms. Guilin said the Council has been presented with the Utility Rate Study that indicated in a confirmation of rates that are in existence. She said the rates are confirmed rates to support the existing and future operational capital and debt service for the water and wastewater funds.

Councilmember Raasch said the rates seem to increase each year. He is proposing a moratorium this year and to suspend the rate increase for one year.

Councilmember Brown said with the costs involved to maintain the operations, she does not see how the Town can suspend the increase for one year. She said the increase is not substantial. She knows that the public is going to object to the rate increase, but they have to face the reality that the increases are necessary to maintain the water and wastewater systems and to keep them operational.

On motion of Councilmember Brown, seconded by Councilmember Hawkins to adopt Resolution No. 1335-12.

**Roll Call Vote:**

**Yes:** Mayor Kilvinger, Vice-Mayor Smith, Councilmember Woolridge, Councilmember Celaya, Councilmember Hawkins, and Councilmember Brown.

**No:** Councilmember Raasch

Motion passed (Yes: 6; No: 1)

**Resolution No. 1336-12:**

Mr. Patel read Resolution No. 1336-12 by title only.

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF FLORENCE, PINAL COUNTY, ARIZONA,  
DECLARING INTENT TO INCREASE RATES FOR WASTEWATER, WATER AND  
SOLID WASTE.**

Ms. Guilin said per statutory requirements, there is a long notification process that must be adhered to. She said notice must be given at least 60 days in advance of a hearing. She said declaring the intent to increase rates for wastewater, water and solid waste starts the process. An ordinance will be brought before the Council in April.

On motion of Councilmember Brown, seconded by Councilmember Hawkins and carried to adopt Resolution No. 1336-12.

**CALL TO THE COUNCIL**

Vice-Mayor Smith thanked the Parks and Recreation Department for the Fishing Derby.

Mayor Kilvinger thanked all of the volunteers for their service.

**ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

On motion of Councilmember Woolridge, seconded by Councilmember Hawkins and carried to adjourn to Executive Session.

For the purpose of discussion of the public body in accordance with A.R.S. 38-431.03(a)(3) to receive legal advice from the Town Attorney regarding alleged election law violations; And For the purpose of discussion of the public body in accordance with A.R.S. 38-431.03(a)(3) to receive legal advice from the Town Attorney regarding liability risks identified in the ICMA Operations and Data Analysis Report dated December 2011.

**ADJOURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION**

On motion of Councilmember Brown, seconded by Councilmember Raasch and carried to adjourn from Executive Session.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

On motion of Councilmember Brown, seconded by Vice-Mayor Smith and carried to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 p.m.



Vicki Kilvinger, Mayor

#### **ATTEST:**



Lisa Garcia, Town Clerk

I certify that the following is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Florence Town Council meeting held on March 5, 2012, and that the meeting was duly called to order and that a quorum was present.



Lisa Garcia, Town Clerk

